



UPCOMING EVENTS

RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION

9:30 A.M., Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010

On February 21st, during the worship service, we will install and recognize all of our Elders. Both serving and on furlough will be recognized and celebrated.

The Eldership is a vital part of the ministry of Central Christian and we are blessed by the presence of such leaders. Be a part of this important event.

Our Lenten/Easter Plan's Announced

The calendar of events for this Holy Season has been established and the outlined times set aside for our congregational friends.

Palm Sunday – March 28, 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday – April 1, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Devotions – April 2, 6:00 pm

Prayer Vigil – Begins Friday – April 2, 7:00 pm

Easter Celebration of Worship – April 4, 9:30 am

Choral Cantata "Journey to the Cross"

Presented by Central's Chancel Choir, directed by Candace French

Eggstravaganza - April 4, After Worship



Coming... **THIS WEEK!**

Wednesday, February 17

• 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

• 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 18

• 3:00 pm Culture Club

Sunday, February 21

• 9:30 am Worship

• Installation of Elders during Worship

• 10:45 am Sunday School

• 10:45 am Elder's Meeting

Monday, February 22

• 9:00 am Men's Fellowship

• 1:00 pm Domino's & More

• 6:00 pm Executive Board

Tuesday, February 23

• 9:00 am Quilters

• 9:30 am CWF Service Day

• 10:30 am CWF Board Meeting

• 3:00 pm Culture Club

Wednesday, February 24

• 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

February 21, 2010

Luke 4:1-13

"In the Desert"

There will be an
Executive Meeting
on February 22 at
6:00 pm

Scholarships Available



Two \$600 scholarships will be awarded from the Memorial Fund. This year's scholarships will be funded from contributions given in memory of Don Fesperman. If you are a student who will be continuing your education at a college, university, trade or technical school, you may fill out an application. Applications may be picked up in the church office and must be returned by May 15.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



In preparation of printing an updated Church directory, if you have moved recently or have any new phone numbers please notify the church office.

Congregational Concerns

Charlie Lynch
 Jean Hagerman
 Cal Wise
 Debra Gleghorn
 Sue Brown
 Bonnie Montgomery
 Will Brown



*Please keep the office informed of those who need our prayers.
 Thank you!*

Thank you so much for your donation! It really benefitted one of our ladies!
 Sincerely,
 Ladies and Staff
 Christian County Domestic Violence Center



Thank you for your congregation's recent gift to our campus ministry @ The House. Your generous support helps us provide opportunities for students to participate in social service projects, meaningful discussions about faith and society at chapel, and outreach to the University community and beyond.



Calling all Volunteers!

Would you like to volunteer at the Springfield Cardinals games? If so, Lisa Lynch is looking for some volunteers to work at the concession stands at the games. Please call Lisa at 689-4431 or 300-6236 if interested or for more information.

			Budgeted	Variance
	Jan-10	Month	Year-to-date	Year-to-date
Income (Contributions)	\$ 36,585.24	\$ 36,585.24	\$ 26,063.00	\$ 10,522.24
Expenses	\$ 28,359.29	\$ 28,359.29	\$ 26,067.00	\$ (2,292.29)
Net difference	\$ 8,225.95	\$ 8,225.95	\$ (4.00)	\$ 8,229.95

Above is a summary of our January operating results. We had a very good month because two of our contributing families gave most of their annual offerings in the month of January. It's a good way to start the year with a surplus of \$8,225.

John Thurman, Assistant Treasurer

From the Children...

Hello, we are so near the season of Lent and our children will be doing some wonderful things in Children's Church and also have some opportunities at home to understand Lent and our faith even more. One of those opportunities is a Lenten devotional book that will be available in several ways. The devotions will be available a week at a time and will be available in paper form at church, and via e-mail and facebook. If you would like a digital copy, let me know. I will send them a day at a time to you. My e-mail address is creativeteacherliz@hotmail.com and on facebook I'm under Liz Cook.

We also need to have as many children as possible to wave palms at the Palm Sunday service. Please, bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends. It means so much for children to participate in services and leaves a lasting impression that they were involved in something special.

For Easter we will be doing something a little different. We will be having an Eggstravaganza! It will be several booths set up with activities and fun for the kids, and adults are invited to help and observe the festivities! It will be held during the Fellowship/Sunday School time and will end with an Easter lesson.

If anyone would like to volunteer to work any of the stations with the kids, that would be a terrific help! Thanks so much!
 Love in Christ,
 Liz Cook

PASTOR SPEAKS

February 16, 2010

Pastor Speaks...

I want to let you know that the funds that you have given and continue to give to the Haiti relief efforts are getting to those who need them the most. The reports on the news are correct that the work is difficult at best but the Haitian people are working hard to make the best of a terrible situation. The following is from our own Week of Compassion office. Please note the emphasis on working with local partners. Some we have worked with since the 1960's.

Greetings from Week of Compassion! As we continue to keep the people of Haiti in our prayers, we also continue to receive more and more news about the situation on the ground. Chris Herlinger, Church World Service Communications Officer, has filed a number of excellent reports that help further nuance what has been reported by U.S. news outlets. In his most recent report, Herlinger writes the following:

...Patience is certainly needed now, nearly a month after the devastating 12 January earthquake and at a time when "coordination and distribution remain difficult, overall public interest in Haiti may be waning but needs will remain for months to come," said Dirk Salomons, the director of the humanitarian affairs program at Columbia University in New York City.

Blain, an ACT/LWF staffer, knows something about the need for patience. A recent distribution in Gressier, located some 20 kilometers west of Port-au-Prince, got out of control when local police demanding tents refused to do much to calm a crowd.

During the 30 January incident, Blain and the other ACT/LWF staffers did their best to maintain order and continue the distribution and their stated goal of assisting the most vulnerable, including families with pregnant women and young children. Eventually the crowd got unruly, a policewoman fired two shots in the air and the distribution ended. The young ACT/LWF staff were disappointed and frustrated.

By contrast, a distribution a day earlier elsewhere had gone perfectly, Blain said, while another the next day at the Santa Teresa camp in Port-au-Prince also went off without problems.

Why the differences? One was that, unlike those in Santa Teresa, Gressier residents had not received any assistance up until then – they were simply tired and angry. Another was the presence in Santa Teresa of a police officer who calmly urged the crowd to be patient and said he would personally stop the distribution if problems began.

The officer, Harry Brossard, said the tactic seemed to work, and it stemmed from his own desire to see food distributed to those who needed it. "We need food for these people," he said.

The crowd in Santa Teresa also seemed to be more patient and understanding than the crowd in Gressier about the need for distributions to target the most vulnerable. "I think they have to think about the other people (eventually)," said Willy Louis, a security guard. "But it's no problem for me. Pregnant people and the disabled should come first."

Marie Dany F. Volter, 34, who like Blain and the overwhelming majority of aid workers here is Haitian, said first-time distributions like that in Gressier "are never easy." That is particularly the case in a situation where aid is urgently needed and it may not be easy to work out all details in advance with the local partner. . ."

Keep the people and those who are trying to help in your prayers.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Andrews

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Faith Builders: 4
Bilshan: 12
Loyal Workers: 19
Builders: 11
General: 22

2/14/2010

General Fund
Contributions:
\$4999.25
Attendance:
142

Serving February 21, 2010

Elders:

Karen Hicks
Chrystal Melton

DEACONS:

Bill Fischer – 833-4059

David Edel
Jack Edel
Marilyn Ferguson
Randy Fuller
J.C. Hicks
Charlie Mabry
Bill Melton
Robert Roelofsz
Kim Schultz
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Lynette Thomas
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Anna Marie Walker

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Sydney Frazier
Phoebe Hicks

Ushers:

Ginger Williamson
Rhonda Stewart

Communion Preparation:

Glendon & Anna Marie Walker

Fellowship Preparation:

Glendon & Anna Marie Walker

Greeters:

John & Mary Bermond

Ministry Team

John Bermond, Board Chair
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Rev. Don Brown, Parish Minister
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